(c) whether it is a fact that any assurance has been given recently for re-naming the Ahmedabad airport after the name of Sardar Patel; and

(d) if so, when it is likely to be declared and if not the reasons for delay in declaring the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). No such requests are pending with the Government at present.

(c) and (d). Ahmedabad Airport has already been renamed as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport on 7.12.96.

Extra Seats for Winter Season

2999. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines propose of offer 14 percent extra seats to passengers for the forthcoming winter season;

(b) if so, the details thereof with areas of such seats;

(c) whether the Government propose to ask the Indian Airlines to offer similar extra seats to passengers in each summer season also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of route-wise increase is enclosed in the Statement.

(c) and (d). Details of services to be operated in summer schedule of Indian Airlines will be determined with reference to the traffic demand, availability of aircraft and operating crew.

STATEMENT

Highlights of Winter Schedule 1996-97 (Effective 28th October, 1996)

New Links	Frequency/Weekly
1	2
Domestic	
Mumbai/Patna/Ranchi/Calcutta & RT	3 A320
Mumbai/Ahmedabad/Jaipur/calcutta and return	3 A320
Madras/Tirputi/Hyderabad & RT	2 B737
International	
Trichy/Sharjah	2 A320 (effective 3rd December 1996)
Increase In Capacity (Domestic)	
Mumbai/Delhi	28 A300 + 7 A320 instead of 28 A300
Mumbai/Bangalore	11 A300 + 10 A320 instead of 9 A300 + 12 A320
Mumbai/Goa	7 A300 + 3 A320 instead of 7 A300
Mumbai/Madras	10 A300 + 7 A320 instead of 7 A300 + 10 A320
Mumbai/Coimbatore	3 A320 Terminator - 3 A320 (Bom : CJB: BOM) instead of 4 A320 (BOM: CJB : IXM : BOM),
Mubai/Varanasi/Lucknow/Mumbai	4 A320 instead of 3 A320
Calcutta/Bangalore	10 A320 instead of 7 A320
Calcutta/Madras	12 A320 + 2 B737 instead of 7 A320
Calcutta/Jorhat/Dimapur/Calcutta	4 B737 instead of 2 B737
Calcutta/Imphal/Guwahati/Calcutta	2 A320
Delhi/Bangalore	7 A300 + 7 A320 instead of 14 A320
Delhi/Hyderabad	7 A300 + 7 A320 instead of 14 A320
Delhi/Varanasi	7 A320 instead of 3 A320 terminator + 4 A320 (DEL:VNS:BBI:DEL)

1	2
Delhi/Madras	7 320 + 14 A320 instead of 7 A300 + 7 A320
Delhi/Bhubaneswar	7 A320 instead of 4 A320 Vla VNS + 3 A320 terminator
Guwahati/Agartala	3 A320 instead of 2 A320
Hyderabad/Vizag	3 B737 instead of 2 B737
Madras/Bangalore/Pune & return	5 A320 instead of 4 A320
Madras/Bangalore/Ahmedabad & Rtn	4 A320 instead of 3 A320
Madras/Bangalore/Goa & Rtn.	5 A320 instead of 3 A320
Madras/Hyderabad	11 A320 + 6 B737 instead of 10 A320 + 4 B737
Madras/Trivanarum	7A320 Terminator ISO 3 A320 (MAA : TRV Terminatior + 4 A320 MAA : BLR:TRV & RT)
Bangalore/Trivandrum	4 A320 Terminator
Increase in Capacity (International)	
Mumbai/Karachi	3 A320 instead of 2 A320
Calcutta/Kathmandu	5 A320 instead of B737 + 1 A320
Calcutta/Chittagong	2 B737 instead of 1 B737
Hyderabad/ Muscat	2 A320 Terminator ISO 2 A 300 HYD:MCT: SHJ RT
Hyderabad/ Sharjah	2 A300 Terminator
Madras/Kuala Lumpur	2 A320 Terminator ISO 2 A300 MAA:SIN: KUL: MAA & MAA:KUL SIN:MAA
Madras/Singapore	2 A300 Terminator
Trivandrum/Colombo	4 A320 instead of 3 A320
Varanasi/Kathmandu	7 A320 instead of B737

ESI Act

3000. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for exemption from operation of ESI scheme to avoid financial burden to the production units/primary societies in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). A memorandum dated 27th July, 1996 has been received from the Government of Kerala for grant of exemption from the ESI Act to Handloom Sector Production Units/primary societies. The proposal has been examined by the ESI Corporation and the same has not been found acceptable because it will amount to denial of comprehensive Social Security benefits available under the ESI Scheme to workers in such Units.

Receive VIPS by bringing Car

3001. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any standing instruction to receive VIPS by bringing car into the tarmac of airports;

(b) if so, the categories of such VIPs other than the President, Vice-President and the Prime Minister;

(c) whether Members of Parliament are entitle to such special treatment; and